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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is a U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application entitled: Methods and Systems for Optimizing Argon Recovery in an Air Separation Unit



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and including:

- ☒ Sixteen (16) pages of description (before the claims);
- ☒ Four (4) pages of claims ((18) total claims; (2) independent claims);
- ☒ One (1) Sheet of Abstract;
- ☒ Two (2) sheets of drawings including Figures 1 - 2.

1. Also enclosed are:

- ☐ executed Declaration
- ☐ Application Data Sheet
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This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and/or 365 to _____ filed in _____ on _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

A certified copy of the priority application ☐ is enclosed ☐ will follow.

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This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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Basic Application Fee					\$750.00
Total Claims	18	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	.00
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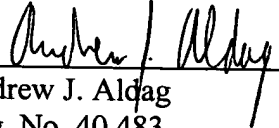
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